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ANTIBODY TO FROG VITELLOGENIN  
AND MANUFACTURING METHOD  
THEREOF

Examiner: C. E. Foster

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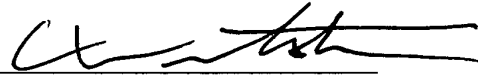
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